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Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year !

On behalf of the San Francisco Chapter of the St. Thomas More Society, I want to welcome everyone to the new year. I would like to thank Gerry for his dedicated and strong leadership of the Society last year. Gerry organized many exciting and interesting luncheon programs and it was under his auspices that we had the most successfully attended Red Mass and Essay Contest in the Society's recent history. We owe Gerry a deep debt of gratitude and thank him for his devoted leadership last year.

We welcome two new members to our Executive Committee, Tony O'Brien and Gregory Schopf. They will both be very strong assets to the Executive Committee. And we have to say goodbye to three Executive Committee members: Steve Murphy, Justice Joanne Parrilli, and then Steve Walker who retires after serving ten years on the Executive Committee. They have made invaluable contributions to the Society and we will miss them very much.

We begin this year with a luncheon presentation by Justice Joanne Parrilli—a St. Thomas More Society member, former Executive Committee Member and past St. Thomas More Award recipient, Dean Jeff Brand—a St. Thomas More Society member, and Rabbi Helen Cohn, speaking to us on: **“A Rabbi and a Justice went into the Dean's Office. No kidding!: Prayer, Meditation and the Law.”** The lunch is on **Thursday, January 19, 2006**, at Noon at President's Room, 555 California Street, San Francisco. (Please note that the January luncheon will be held on the 51<sup>st</sup> Floor while each month thereafter will be held in our usual spot on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Carnelian Room.) This promises to be a very intelligent, engaging presentation which we think you will benefit greatly from and we hope you can join us.

In February, our speaker will be Mr. Edward “Ned” Dolejsi, the executive director for the California Catholic Conference (CCC), which is the Catholic Church's public policy/ lobby organization that represents the Bishops on legislation and social issues. He will be speaking to us on Religious Freedom and what the CCC does as a Catholic Lobbyist organization. So mark your calendars for Thursday, February 16, 2006.


As always, we are in search of new and interesting speakers. If anyone has a speaker or topic they want to suggest, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, it is time to renew your membership dues for the new year. As a reminder, our annual membership fee is \$50, \$25 if you have been in practice less than three years, and \$10 if you are a law student. For those of you receiving this newsletter via hard copy, you will find a membership dues envelope enclosed herewith. Everyone should send their membership renewal to our new Treasurer Tom Reed at the address below. If you know of anyone to invite to become a new member of our Society, please have them contact me or direct them to our membership application on our website: [www.stthomasmore-sf.org](http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org)

As always, we invite you to check for information about the Society and our upcoming events on our website listed above.

I very much look forward to seeing you at our luncheons and special events this year.

Sincerely,

  
Stacy K. Stecher  
President

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$35 per person (\$15 for law students) for the Society luncheon on Thursday, January 19, 2006. My check, payable to the St. Thomas More Society, for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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I would like to sponsor a law student, today's speaker or our chaplain. Enclosed is an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Please reserve for January's Luncheon by Monday, January 16, 2006.**